



December 18, 2019

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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
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Re: Docket Nos. 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E, and 2019-186-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(E), concerning an inadvertent communication which was made through mass email on December 13, 2019, regarding the three above-referenced dockets.

On December 13, 2019, an email was sent out to 19,232 Conservation Voters of South Carolina (CVSC) e-mail subscribers. Following the sending of this email, CVSC learned that Commissioner Tom Ervin was a subscriber to the CVSC email list (consisting of 19,232 emails). The email which was sent on December 13, 2019, is attached. The email references the decisions in the above-referenced dockets and asks CVSC email subscribers to sign a petition that will be submitted to the Public Service Commission.

Upon researching this situation, CVSC also learned that Commissioner Ervin was on the CVSC email list that received emails regarding the Public Service Commission that were sent on November 19, October 10, September 24, August 7, August 6, and August 3. All but the September 24 email reference the above-referenced dockets in some way. All emails are attached as exhibits.

CVSC is not a party to these dockets. CVSC attests that the December 13 and other emails were inadvertent ex parte communications. CVSC has taken numerous steps to preclude this inadvertent communication scenario from being repeated. CVSC has searched, identified to the fullest extent possible, and removed any email addresses from our email database which could lead to inadvertent ex parte communication.

However, as this discussion could be strictly construed as discussing an issue that is to be decided in this proceeding, CVSC believes this communication should be disclosed and made part of the record as provided by S.C. Code § 58-3-260(E).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Tynan".

John Tynan
Executive Director